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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, RP

SUBJECT: TRINIDAD HERRERA CASE: PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: MANILA 7164

1. WASHINGTON POST MAY 11 CARRIED LENGTHY STORY UNDER  
WIDEMAN BYLINE ON HERREARA CASE, BASED PRINCIPALLY ON ROD-  
RIGO LETTER. STORY STATES THAT THREE OTHER ZOTO LEADERS  
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED SINCE MRS. HERRERA'S ARREST.

2. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS APPROVED FOR USE BY SPOKESMAN  
AT NOON BRIEFING MAY 11: QUOTE: WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL  
REPORTS ALLEGING SUCH A DEVELOPMENT. OUR CHARGE HAS  
RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE GOP AT A HIGH LEVEL AND IS SEEK-  
ING CLARIFICATION OF THE FACTS. HE HAS ALSO EXPRESSED OUR  
DEEP CONCERN IF THIS REPORT SHOULD PROVE TO BE TRUE. THE  
GOP HAS TOLD US IT IS UNDERTAKING AN URGENT INVESTIGATION.  
UNQUOTE.

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3. QUESTION DID NOT ARISE DURING MAY 11 PRESS BRIEFING  
BUT WE HAVE BEEN USING SIMILAR LANGUAGE WITH OTHER IN-  
QUIRERS. FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES WE HAVE ADDED THAT  
EMBASSY HAS BEEN INVITED HAVE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT DURING  
EXAMINATION OF MRS. HERRERA, THAT INVITATION HAS BEEN

ACCEPTED, AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOR  
EMBOFF TO VISIT WITH MRS. HERRERA PRIVATELY. CHRISTOPHER

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